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SUBJECT: FOREIGN SECRETARY'S STATEMENT ON RHODESIA IN  
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1. FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT ON RHODESIA MADE IN COMMONS  
BY SIR ALEC DOUGLAS- HOME ON JUNE 27 AS REPORTED IN THE  
"TIMES":

2. QUOTE: SINCE THE PEARCE COMMISSION REPORTED LAST  
MAY ( HE SAID) WE HAVE ENDEAVOURED TO MAINTAIN CONTACT AS  
BEST WE CAN WITH ALL SHADES OF OPINION IN RHODESIA,  
INCLUDING THE RHODESIAN AUTHORITIES. WE HAVE  
MAINTAINED THE STATUS QUO AS CREATING THE BEST CLIMATE  
FOR DISCUSSIONS IN RHODESIA BETWEEN RHODESIANS.

2. SIR DENIS GREENHILL TOOK NO NEW PROPOSALS TO SALIS-  
BURY AND BROUGHT NONE BACK. THE PURPOSE OF THE  
VISIT WAS TO PROVIDE THE GOVERNMENT WITH AN ASSESSMENT  
OF THE PRESENT POSITION IN RHODESIA. THE EMISSARIES'  
REPORT WOULD BE STUDIED AND IT WOULD ALSO BE NECESSARY  
TO CONSIDER WHETHER ANY FURTHER MOVES WOULD BE APPROPRI-  
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3. THE PROBLEMS OF RHODESIA COULD NOT BE SOLVED FROM LONDON AT THIS STAGE. WHAT WAS REQUIRED WAS FOR EUROPEANS AND AFRICANS IN RHODESIA TO TRY TO SEEK SOLUTIONS TO THEIR PROBLEMS BETWEEN THEMSELVES. IN THE SHORT TALKS HE HAD HAD WITH SIR DENIS HE SAW NO REASON AT PRESENT TO VARY THAT JUDGMENT.

4. THE PEOPLE OF RHODESIA, BOTH THE AFRICAH NATIONAL COUNCIL AND MR. SMITH AND HIS GOVERNMENT, NOW REALIZED THAT A SETTLEMENT WAS ESSENTIAL. THE QUESTION WAS HOW THEY GOT IT BETWEEN THEMSELVES AND IT WOULD BE BETTER AT THE MOMENT IF THEY WERE ALLOWED TO TALK.

5. IF THEY FELT LATER ( HE WENT ON) THAT WE COULD HELP READY TO CONSIDER THAT. BUT FIRST, THERE MUST BE A GREATER MEASURE OF AGREEMENT THAN THERE IS NOW BETWEEN EUROPEANS AND AFRICANS. OTHERWISE NO SETTLEMENT WILL BE STABLE.

6. I HOPE I CAN SPEAK FOR THE HOUSE ( HE CONTINUED) IN APPEALING TO THE TWO SIDES IN RHODESIA TO TRY TO COME TOGETHER IN A SPIRIT OF MUTUAL COMPROMISE TO SEEK A JUST SETTLEMENT TO THEIR PROBLEMS. END QUOTE

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